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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please see my attached letter requesting an end to the government prosecution of Microsoft in the interest of American consumers and investors.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the government conclude and settle the case against Microsoft. After three years of litigation, too much time and money has been spent in negotiating this case. The investing public has suffered significant losses, as the government has drug Microsoft through the legal system. Continuing this litigation process would serve only to decrease important federal resources and further impact consumers and investors. Microsoft has not gotten off easy in this settlement agreement. The settlement that was reached may not satisfy everyone, but it is in the best interest of all to enact it quickly.

The terms of the settlement agreement are very fair in that they provide for many compromises on behalf of Microsoft. Microsoft has agreed to license Windows at the same rate to the largest PC manufacturers. In addition to this, Microsoft will also disclose all of the information regarding the internal interface and protocols of the Windows system. This allows developers to develop new software and hardware that is increasingly compatible with the Windows system. Moreover the formation of a technical review board will provide for the oversight of Microsoft's further action. This technical board will prevent Microsoft from entering into any anticompetitive behavior.

Hence, I believe that the terms of the settlement are fair, further enacting the settlement will benefit the technology industries. Enacting this settlement will help restore confidence in the suffering technology industry. Given the current state of the economy, this is the best course for the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

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